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TO: Federal Executive Board Members

SUBJECT: Public Service Recognition Week – Schedule of Events

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) will be observed May 3-9, 2010. This week of recognition provides us with an opportunity to focus the community's attention on the dedication and allegiance of public servants who serve our country and communities. The New Orleans Federal Executive Board (NOFEB) will sponsor a Distinguished Service Luncheon and Awards Program on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, and an interagency Mall Exhibition Program on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Everything your agency needs to participate in these events is enclosed with this letter.

The Distinguished Service Awards Nomination Package (Enclosure 1) contains the criteria/guidelines and the nomination form needed to nominate individuals and/or teams for their distinguished service. I am sure that each agency and military organization has many employees whose talents and contributions more than meet the criteria. Nominations are due no later than close of business, Monday, April 5, 2010, and should be submitted to the address shown below or they can be faxed to the NOFEB at (303) 205-3005.

NEW ORLEANS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTN: PSRW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS P. O. BOX 53206 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70153-3206

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Judy Welcker, Distinguished Awards Chair, by telephone at (504) 426-6205, or e-mail her at <u>judy.welcker@usda.gov</u>.

The Distinguished Service Awards and Luncheon Program will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at the Westin New Orleans Canal Place Hotel, "The Plimsoll Club" located on the 11th floor at 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. (11 a.m. check-in). Elevators to the 11th floor can be accessed through The Canal Place Shops or from Rue Iberville Street. Cost to attend the awards program luncheon is \$32.00. We ask that the cost of the luncheon for nominees and awardees be paid by the nominating agency. Attendance at the awards ceremony by family, friends, and co-workers is also encouraged. The PSRW Awards Program Registration Form (Enclosure 2), and the PSRW Credit Card Billing Form (Enclosure 3), provides additional registration and payment instructions.

The interagency Mall Exhibition Program will be held at the Lakeside Shopping Mall (Metairie) on Thursday, May 6, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and will feature booth displays by local agencies. This is an excellent opportunity for your organization to inform the public about your mission and value to the community. (In the past, some agencies have used this as a recruitment opportunity.)

To participate in the program, simply complete the Mall Exhibition Program - Agency Participation Form (Enclosure 4). If you have any questions regarding the Mall Program, please contact Catherine Saunders, Mall Program Chair, by telephone at (504) 670-2282, or e-mail her at catherine.g.saunders@dhs.gov.

The Outreach Committee is facilitating a Mardi Gras Bead collection drive, an outreach service opportunity from Wednesday, March 10 through Friday, April 9, 2010. For more information or to participate, have your agency point of contact call Ralph Simcox by telephone at (504) 762-2107, or e-mail him at ralph.simcox@dhs.gov.

Thank you for your continued support in making 2010 Public Service Recognition Week the most successful program ever.

Sincerely,

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THEA D. NESS PSRW Co-Chair

Enclosures:

- (1) Distinguished Service Awards Nomination Packet 2010
- (2) PSRW Awards Program Registration Form
- (3) PSRW Charge Card Billing Form
- (4) Mall Exhibition Program Agency Participation Form